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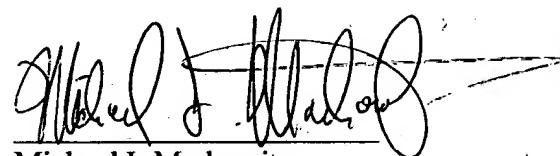
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In response to the Office Action mailed on March 20, 2001, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire on April 20, 2001, the period for response not being extended for more than one month, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claim 1, for prosecution at this time. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application based on claims 2-11. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests the refund of the one month extension fee enclosed herewith, \$110.00, since the Office Action mailed on March 20, 2001 was not received by Applicant's attorneys until April 27, 2001, beyond the expiration of the period for responding thereto, as evidenced by a copy of the front page of the Office Action attached hereto.

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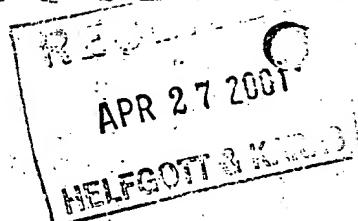
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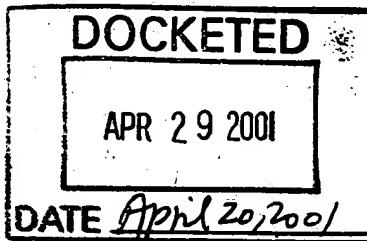
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